

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 2 and 4 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 6, and 7; and add new Claims 16 through 25, as follows:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A developing apparatus comprising:

a developer carrying member for carrying a developer to develop an electrostatic latent image formed on an image bearing member, said developer carrying member having an elastic property;

a scraping/supplying member, contacted into said developer carrying member, for supplying the developer to said developer carrying member and for scraping the developer off said developer carrying member, said scraping/supplying member having an elastic property,

wherein said developer carrying member has a hardness which is higher than that of said scraping/supplying member, and wherein said developer carrying member and said scraping/supplying member satisfy that in a state in which said scraping/supplying member is out of contact with said developer carrying member, a radius of curvature of said scraping/supplying member is larger than a radius of curvature of said developer carrying member at a position of contact between said scraping/supplying member and said developer carrying member; and

wherein the radius of curvature of said developer carrying member is 4-10 mm at the position of the contact in the state in which said scraping/supplying member is out of contact with said developer carrying member.

2. **(Canceled)**

3. **(Original)** A developing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the radius of curvature of said scraping/supplying member is 4-10 mm at the position of the contact in the state in which said scraping/supplying member is out of contact with said developer carrying member.

4. **(Canceled)**

5. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said developer carrying member has an Asker C hardness of 30-70 degrees.

6. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said scraping/supplying member has an Asker [[C]] F hardness of 30-90 degrees.

7. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said scraping/supplying member has an Asker [[C]] F hardness of 30-90 degrees.

8. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said scraping/supplying member is provided with a supporting shaft and an elastic foam member on a supporting shaft.

9. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein a peripheral speed of said developer carrying member is lower than part of said scraping/supplying member.

10. **(Previously Presented)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein a relative peripheral speed between said developer carrying member and said scraping/supplying member is 50-600 mm/sec.

11. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein a direction of peripheral movement of said scraping/supplying member is opposite a direction of peripheral movement of said developer carrying member at the position of the contact.

12. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the developer is non-magnetic one-component developer.

13. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the developer has a weight average particle size of 3-10 microns.

14. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the developer has a shape factor SF-1 of 100-150, and a shape factor SF-2 of 100-140.

15. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said developer carrying member is contactable to the image bearing member.

16. **(New)** A developing apparatus comprising:

a developer carrying member for carrying a developer to develop an electrostatic latent image formed on an image bearing member, said developer carrying member having an elastic property;

scraping/supplying member, contacted into said developer carrying member, for supplying the developer to said developer carrying member and for scraping the developer off said developer carrying member, said scraping/supplying member having an elastic property,

wherein said developer carrying member has a hardness which is higher than that of said scraping/supplying member, and wherein said developer carrying member and said scraping/supplying member satisfy that in a state in which said scraping/supplying member is out of contact with said developer carrying member, a radius of curvature of said scraping/supplying member is larger than a radius of curvature of said developer carrying member at a position of contact between said scraping/supplying member and said developer carrying member,

wherein said scraping/supplying member has an Asker F hardness of 30-90 degrees.

17. **(New)** A developing apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein the radius of curvature of said scraping/supplying member is 4-10 mm at the position of the contact in

the state in which said scraping/supplying member is out of contact with said developer carrying member.

18. **(New)** An apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein said developer carrying member has an Asker F hardness of 30-70 degrees.

19. **(New)** An apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein said scraping/supplying member is provided with a supporting shaft and an elastic foam member on a supporting shaft.

20. **(New)** An apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein a relative peripheral speed between said developer carrying member and said scraping/supplying member is 50-600 mm/sec.

21. **(New)** An apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein a direction of peripheral movement of said scraping/supplying member is opposite a direction of peripheral movement of said developer carrying member at the position of the contact.

22. **(New)** An apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein the developer is non-magnetic one-component developer.

23. **(New)** An apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein the developer has a weight average particle size of 3-10 microns.

24. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein the developer has a shape factor SF-1 of 100-150, and a shape factor SF-2 of 100-140.

25. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein said developer carrying member is contactable to the image bearing member.